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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** AFCIG-5  
Headquarters USAF

**ATTENTION:** Colonel L. P. Geary

**SUBJECT:** Support for FLIPTOP Operation

1. It is requested that assistance and/or coordination be provided in support of a FLIPTOP operation planned for 26 October 1961. This will be the first operational mission flown since gaining an inflight refueling capability, and it is highly desirable to employ the tactic in conjunction with this relatively safe ZI type requirement. In addition to exercising the capability under operational conditions, it will preclude the necessity of the Del Rio stagings on future missions of this kind. In the event no problems are encountered on this trial exercise, it is anticipated that on future FLIPTOP sorties, two Edwards AFB men can recover the vehicle, refuel and launch the replacement, and ferry the pilot back to Edwards in about an hour after the post strike landing.

2. The following support is requested:

a. KC-135 Tanker (Major Thornton's crew)

Rendezvous at Corpus Christi RBN, 35000 at 1028Z, 26 October 1961. Approximately 5000 pounds off-load.

b. Coordinate Laughlin AFB facilities for staging team of approximately 7 men to arrive 2000Z, 25 October, and depart not later than 1400Z, 27 October 1961.

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c. Coordinate with NORAD for radar suppression as follows:

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(1) Call sign [ ] will contact [ ] control over Del Rio at approximately 1004Z, 26 October, and report "CHECKING IN."

(2) Same call sign report to [ ] 250 N. M. from coast in.

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(3) For 28th Air Division - Estimated 8500°N eastbound at 1230Z, 26 October 1961, estimated 8500°W westbound at 1631Z, 26 October 1961.

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(4) Emergency call is [ ] request assistance be provided if call is used.

d. Coordinate use of:

W Area W-228 )  
W Area W-6301 ) Chief, NAVANTRA Control

W Area R-6303 )  
W Area W-223 ) L. A. F. Control

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Use of above from 1028Z to 1128Z, 26 October 1961.

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3. Detail coordination on IFR to be effected between [ ]  
[ ] Edwards Air Force Base, and Major Thornton, Castle Air Force Base.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

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BY: SIGNED [ ]  
for STANLEY W. BEERLI  
Colonel USAF

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